

PRODUCTIVE SOIL

Representative Cannon Thinks
Hawaii Possesses It.

VEGETABLES SHOULD DO WELL

Perhaps Good Corn Might
be Raised.

Good Highways Have Assisted in
the Process of Developing
the Country.

"Hawaii has great tracts of undeveloped country, and there is no reason why a large population could not easily get a living out of the island," said Representative Cannon yesterday afternoon. He was resting in his cottage at the Hotel after the trip around the harbor in the morning, and the ride to the Pali during the day. The Congressmen have kept busily at sight-seeing since their arrival in the islands, and they are somewhat fatigued, although everything they have seen has been interesting.

Congressman Cannon's face is well browned from exposure to the sun and winds, as the party has been out of doors the greater part of the time since they reached Honolulu. Mr. Cannon is also suffering from a bruised side. As he was climbing into the wagonette in the rain on leaving Tantalus, Sunday afternoon, he had the misfortune to slip on the step. He fell and struck heavily on his side, and a painful contusion is the result.

Congressman Cannon said he was greatly pleased with all he has seen thus far. The climate, the soil and the rainfall, he said, greatly increased the possibilities of the country. The beauty of the landscape, the luxuriant verdure and tropical foliage are all unusual to him, he said. He is accustomed to the vast corn and grain-producing plains of Illinois, and the contrast of that rolling country, with the precipitous and soft-tinted mountains and the rich-soiled valleys and lowlands of the islands is startling. It is unlike anything he has seen before.

The Congressman was well pleased with his visit to Hawaii and the Volcano. They were fortunate while they were there to see the Volcano in action. Madam Pele was on exhibition. She had put on her best bib and tucker for the occasion and gracefully courted for the gentlemen. She did not overdo the thing and yawn and cause the earth to quake, but executed some of her most graceful poses and behaved in a thoroughly volcano-lady-like manner.

The Congressmen had a good opportunity of getting just the sort of information which they were seeking; the information that will be of service to the farmers in the United States and prospective settlers in the islands. In Hilo they met the men who have been most influential in developing the surrounding country, the pioneers, who know the difficulties and are well versed in the question of expense. Mr. Cannon thinks Hawaii a wonderfully productive country. The coffee industry he considers in the development stage. He sees no reason why it should not become a great industry. But coffee need not necessarily be the only production of the island. From the nature of the soil and the climatic conditions, he thinks vegetables of all kinds should grow well. Potatoes of both kinds and the products of the kitchen gardens, and even corn will flourish, he thinks. The corn may not be of as fine a quality as the corn of the West, because it might not harden and be as firm in this climate, but it would certainly be good feed for cattle.

Representative Cannon considers the 30 miles of road to the Volcano an excellent one. It is his opinion that a good highway is almost as serviceable in developing the country as the electric road has been in the suburbs of American cities. Its effect is already in evidence on Hawaii in the number of houses that have been built along it, and the little pieces of land that are being cleared. To hasten the developing process he suggests that branch roads be built off the main highway for at least six miles into the interior.

Mr. Cannon is much interested in Pearl Harbor. He will have an opportunity today of making a thorough inspection. He explained the causes leading up to the debate on the subject in the House of Representatives and the reason for the refusal of the House to make a large enough appropriation to fortify the harbor. "It was a perfectly natural result," he said "and there were several good reasons why the subject was treated as it was. In the first place, the Hawaiian question was by no means settled. There was a controversy on the subject, and the House did not wish to take hasty action or to precipitate matters. It was a proposition which entailed considerable expense and the appropriations had already been large. Then, too, the members believed that they hadn't the amount of accurate information which they should possess before taking action. It was thought best to make an appropriation to obtain that information."

tion. There were other reasons, also. In substance, the House thought the time was not yet ripe."

Mr. Cannon was asked if the people of his community talked much of Hawaii and annexation; if they were interested in the subject. He replied that they were interested, "but you must remember," he said, "that the United States is a very large place and the people there have many interests of their own. There are many people who believe that the islands should become a part of the United States. They believe that our Government should possess a strong naval station here. But just now there is great interest centered in Cuba. There is fighting going on there, and people are being killed. Our sympathies are very naturally aroused."

COUSINS MEET.

Evening Devoted to Talk on Japanese Experiences.

The meeting of the "Cousins," held last Saturday evening at Kawaiahao Seminary, was one of peculiar interest. Forty-five years ago the society came into existence under an impulse to aid in the support of Rev. L. H. Gulick, then about to begin his missionary labors in Micronesia. At this last meeting, the society listened to his brother and children tell their experience of missionary work in Japan. It was, as was intended, a "Japan" meeting.

After the usual routine of business of the Japanese part of the program was begun by the singing of a translation into Japanese of the hymn, beginning: "Rise, my soul; and stretch thy wings." This was followed by a piano solo by Miss Alice Rice. Rev. O. H. Gulick improved the interval while the collection was being taken, by relating a custom which the people of Japan have for planting a pine tree at their gate on New Year's Day. He also read a verse of poetry, written by a priest for those occasions. The following translation into English will give some idea of the sentiments expressed by it:

"The pine tree
At the gate
A mile-stone is
Of our journey
On the way to Hades;
Congratulations
Shall we extend?
Congratulations
Shall we withhold?"

Rev. Sidney Gulick was then called upon by the president. He said there was "a tendency in the Christian world to look for speedy results in Japan in the future, because of speedy results attained in the past. It had been the thought of many that by the end of the century there would be no need of further missionary work in Japan. It was now understood that much of the eagerness shown by the people in the earlier days was due to their desire to learn the secret of the power of Western nations. This eagerness has passed away and missionary work now stands upon its own merits."

Rev. C. A. Clark, whose wife is a daughter of Dr. L. H. Gulick, exhibited and explained the use of a Buddhist rosary. This consisted of several strings of beads ingeniously arranged, so that it could be worked with one hand, while the owner cooked his meals or attended to his other duties. At each repetition of a prayer, a bead was pushed along on one string and a tally kept by means of the others. When in this way the limit of the count had been reached, something over 30,000 prayers would be said. The devotee could then return to the beginning and start again.

Mrs. Clark spoke of the memories awakened by being again on the spot where a part of her childhood was spent, and told in an interesting way of the difficulty she first experienced in Japan in reaching the women, and how this was finally overcome by their curiosity to see a foreign baby. Her children had been a great help to her in this way in getting a hold on the women and girls.

Mrs. Sidney Gulick told of the Christian Endeavor Society for the children of the missionaries. Separated as the families were, there was little opportunity for companionship and intercourse, except in the summer vacation, when the families of the mission came together. It was then that they could improve the opportunity and the children could meet each other. But in Japan old people as well as young people belonged to the Christian Endeavor.

After a few further words from Rev. O. H. Gulick and another selection on meeting was brought to a close.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

At Hawaiian Hotel, Complimentary to Congressmen.

Through the kindness of Minister Cooper the Government Band will give a concert at the Hawaiian Hotel tonight, complimentary to the visiting Congressmen. Professor Berger has arranged the following program for the occasion:

March—Washington Post Sousa
Overture—The Road of Glory Kling
Selection—Bohemian Girl Balfe
Poli Pu me Hana Mikioi. Malu i ke Au. Mr. D. Moe.
Cornet Solo—Columbia Rollinson
Mr. Charles Kreuter.
Medley—North and South Tobani
Fantasy—Mill in the Forest, Ellenberg
Selection—American Melodist, Berger
The Star Spangled Banner.
Hawaii Ponoi.

During the dinner the Hawaiian Quintette Club will play and sing Hawaiian airs on the veranda.

New Kindergarten.

Miss Koka, in charge of the Japanese branch of the Free Kindergarten, has given a reception at the Japanese Church, Nuuanu street, last night. Mrs. Clarence Crabbe and Miss Neal had charge of the musical part of the program. Miss Koka received her preliminary education in kindergarten

work at an institute in Kobe. Subsequently she took a three-years' course in Boston. During the past seven years she has been at the head of the kindergarten system in Kobe, Japan.

RIFLE OFFERED.

By Sergeant Elvin for Best Shooting in Two Companies.

Sergeant Elvin, whose work in the capacity of superintendent at the military butts, has made an offer to Companies B and D of the N. G. H., which it is certain the members will not be slow to take up. Following is a copy of the notice that has been sent to each of the captains of the companies mentioned above:

"Honolulu, September 20, 1897.
"To Captain _____, Commanding Company _____, N. G. H.:

"Dear Sir:—For the promotion of proficiency and accuracy in the use of the military rifle, I make Companies B and D the following offer:
"One 32-calibre Winchester target rifle of latest design, with all attachments; this rifle to become the property of the company whose member shall make the highest individual score on the first Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning of November, 1897.

"Rules governing the contest to be Blount's Manual, for 200 yards, barring uniforms; each company to enter at least 15 men and be represented at the butts by a commissioned or uncommissioned officer on the days of the shoot. The rifle is on exhibition at the military rifle range in the stall of Company D.

"Hoping this will awaken the enthusiasm and bring the companies to the standard which formerly prevailed, I remain yours respectfully,
"C. ELVIN,
"Sergeant."

SCHMEDEEN GONE.

Supposed to Have Skipped on the Moana.

A. Schmedeen, an employee of the Customs Department, has been missing since Thursday last, and it is supposed he has gone to San Francisco. Schmedeen's duties as clerk in the Appraiser's office call him to the docks to "clean up" what remains of cargoes from the China steamers.

On Thursday he worked faithfully overseeing the men and in checking up the packages. Just before the Moana left he remarked that he would go aboard and see how things were left. He was not missed until the vessel had gone to sea, then a diligent search was made, but he could not be found. He was not at his home, and on Friday morning Mrs. Schmedeen called at the Custom House to make inquiries concerning him. Then the officials were satisfied that the man had left the city.

Schmedeen was a faithful officer of the Government until quite lately, when family difficulties, it is said, upset him and so worked upon him that he eventually decided to leave the country. He left his wife in rather straitened circumstances to care for a young child.

Expert Bicycle Builder.

The Pacific Cycle and Manufacturing Company has been most fortunate in securing the services of James W. Harvey, late form of the California branch of the Pope Manufacturing Company, with headquarters in San Francisco. Mr. Harvey is a very successful bicycle builder, and is a man whose experience makes him a valuable man in Honolulu when repairing is found to be necessary. He was brought up in the factories of England and has been 14 years in the cycle business including two and a half years with the Pope Company.

Mr. Harvey is well known in San Francisco as the president of the California Cycle Club and as a record-maker on a tandem built by himself.

He came to Honolulu for his health and liked the place so well that he decided to accept the position offered him by the cycle firm mentioned above.

Central Committee.

The Central Committee of the American Union party has elected the following officers:

Chairman: James A. Kennedy.
Secretary: William R. Sims.
Treasurer: Theo. F. Lansing.
Finance Committee: George W. Smith, W. H. Hoogs and B. F. Dillingham.

Committee on Rules and Organization: F. B. McStocker, J. H. Fisher and J. S. Martin.

Ice on Kauai.

Following in the footsteps of Maui, Hawaii having been second in the list, Kauai is about to receive the benefits of an ice machine. W. H. Rice, Sr., in his usual enterprising manner, has erected one at Lihue. The plant is erected and the first output will be ready for the public this week. The capacity of the machine is sufficient to supply the wants of the people at Lihue and the neighboring villages.

Police Court Notes.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Chun Lock was fined \$75 and costs for unlawful possession of opium. Ah Hoon had his case nolle pross'd on the same charge.

Mele Peni and Peni had their sentences suspended on the charge of selling spirituous liquor without a license.

Japanese Bronze.

A late dispatch says that scientists have discovered the composition of Japanese copper bronzes and alloys, which was secretly guarded as a trade secret by the wily Japs. The oldest Japanese bronze, called "shadko," consists of 100 parts of copper alloyed with from 1 to 10 parts of gold. The

blue-black color is produced by using sulphite of copper, alum and verdigris. The famous gray "guishi-buishi" is composed of copper to which from 30 to 50 per cent of silver has been added. "Sinchu," the best Japanese brass, contains 100 parts of copper and 50 parts of zinc; while "karakane," their favorite bell metal, is the product of 100 parts copper, 15 parts zinc, 40 parts tin and 5 parts iron. That beautiful bronze called "mokume," which has an indescribable metallic sheen, is a composite of composites, gold, silver, "shadko," "guishi-buishi" and other ingredients being used in its alloy.

Newspaper Men Like it.

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The Toronto Globe: "It is well named the Standard."

By paying \$1.00 a week for 21 weeks you can obtain one of these valuable works. The club is now being formed at Wall, Nichols Company, and it will pay you to call and see a copy of this indispensable work that should be in every household.

Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. Tom May on Thursday night. Early in the evening a party of about 70 gathered at the home of W. H. Baird, near by, and, with the Kawaiahao Club, went across to Mr. May's. The gentleman in question was completely surprised. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, and, as is usual with these impromptu events, a most enjoyable time was spent.

Batchelors Dinner.

A delightful batchelors dinner was given at the residence of W. L. Hopper, Saturday evening by Dr. Charles Garvin, Chas. E. Rice, T. S. Peachy and William Templeton, who have occupied the Hopper premises for some months. Mrs. W. L. Hopper was the hostess and the guests were Miss Farnum, cousin of J. Q. Wood, Miss Halstead, Miss Love, Miss Templeton and Miss Kelley.

Has a Big Task.

Judge Wilcox received from Tax Assessor Jonathan Shaw yesterday 800 tax summonses, which will have to be signed. In consequence of this, Judge Wilcox is wishing that he had four or five duplicates of himself. The job of signing his name 800 times will be a rather tedious one. That, however, does not seem to be the worst of it. The number mentioned is only the first batch.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

There was a luncheon to a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Samuel Parker yesterday.

The visiting Congressmen were entertained by Consul-General and Mrs. Hayward at dinner last evening.

F. M. Wakefield and Herbert C. Austin came down from Hilo on the Kinau to attend to some business.

Edwards, formerly first lieutenant of the Mounted Patrol, has been promoted to the rank of captain of that body.

Mrs. Dole will not receive at Waikiki this afternoon. On next Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Dole will be "at home" as usual.

Visit King Bros.' art store, Hotel street, for all kinds of views of island scenery, photos, frames, etc., in large variety.

The time in the four-oared sliding-seat barge race Saturday, won by the Lellans, was as follows: Lellani, 14:19; Healanis, 14:28.

Owing to the time of several of the Cabinet Ministers being given to the visiting Congressmen, there was no meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

Portuguese Charge d'Affaires Canavaro called aboard the U. S. S. Bennington yesterday. The usual salute was fired when Mr. Canavaro left.

Waialae road is in splendid condition for some distance beyond old Telegraph Hill. A large force of prisoners is at work macadamizing and widening the driveway.

Call on E. O. Hall & Son and see the new combination tables just received by the Australia. They are the handiest article introduced into the Islands this year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Rain Walker will entertain the officers of the Comus at a dancing party at Waikiki this evening. The Walkers are temporarily at the Gartenberg residence.

The enrollment for the Y. M. C. A. classes opened yesterday morning. About 25 have already entered and quite a number are still expected. Each of those who have already enrolled will average about three classes apiece.

Gillman, the half-white lad, who came in second in the half-mile swimming race Saturday, is very anxious to have another trial at Clifford Mayne, the winner. He is a fine swimmer, and had it not been for the fact that he had a cramp after making the turn, he would have given Mr. Mayne a much closer tussle.

The Lellani boys are very fortunate. Some kindly-disposed man, interested in sports, saw the wonderful spurt made by them in the four-oared race

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of Saturday, and yesterday gave his check for \$20 to the secretary. The boys are jubilant over this.

The Supreme Court yesterday heard the arguments in the case of the Lapaohoe Sugar Company vs. Wilder's Steamship Company for damages from the loss of the Likelike.

Dr. Reid and bride, who have been spending their honeymoon at Miss Paris' home, Kaalekaka, on the Peninsula, will probably leave for their future home in Waialua today.

Judge Wilcox returned from Hilo on the Kinau yesterday, after having taken his wife to Hilo in the interests of her health. In two weeks' time he will return to bring her back to Honolulu.

Nothing has been seen of the new beetles since they were liberated in the Queen's Hospital grounds. They burrowed immediately into the ground and are probably busily at work on the beetles.

Senator Morgan and the five American Congressmen now visiting this city will go down to Pearl Harbor this morning. A large number of people have been invited to go. Passes will be issued at the depot.

Minister Cooper returned from Kaula yesterday after making an investigation of the charges preferred against H. Z. Austin. Minister Cooper will make his report at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

Senator Morgan was present at Kawaiahao Church Sunday morning during Sunday School exercises in company with U. S. Minister Sewall. He made a short address to the children which was much appreciated.

About 50 witnesses were examined in the H. Z. Austin investigation by Minister Cooper at Lihue. The investigation began early Friday morning and lasted all day. Austin and several others testified for the defense.

Minister King, Minister Hatch and the four American Congressmen called aboard the dredger yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the whole thing. Everything was in perfect working order. Captain Schmidt was on hand to receive his guests.

The mistake of putting Cupid Kalandanole's name as one of the judges in Saturday's regatta was made in yesterday's Advertiser. The judges were: C. B. Wilson, Captain Campbell and William McInerney, representing the Myrtles, Healanis and Lellani.

The Supreme Court overruled the exceptions taken to the decision of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Circuit in the case of Ah Quai vs. R. Puuki. The case was a suit in replevin and damages for \$10 were awarded for retaining possession of a young heifer for 16 months.

The man who bores holes through peoples' floors and lets himself up to the loss of the money drawer, has ceased his onslaughts. He is pretty well known and is being shadowed so that it is almost impossible for him to make a move without being reported.

The rain of Sunday caused much damage, particularly to the sidewalks and streets out in the vicinity of Independence Park. The water came down in great streams from Makiki and washed everything along with it. The street car tracks on both Beretania and King street suffered.

At 4:15 p. m. Sunday, a telephone message was received at the police station from the Queen's hospital to the effect that Utha, one of the unfortunate victims in the recent train accident on the O. R. & L. had just died. That makes two deaths that have occurred from the same accident.

Press passes to Cyclomere Bicycle Park have been issued by the manager, Mr. C. L. Clement. The date of opening will be announced later. It is understood that when all work has been completed, the public will be invited out one night to ride on the track in the light of the incandescent lamps.

Mrs. Nawahi gave a big luau to the American Congressmen at her home in Kukuau, near Hilo, Friday last, just previous to the departure of the Claudine for this port. Attorney-General Smith, who was with the Congressmen, says it was one of the finest luaus it has ever been his fortune to sit down to.

IT SAVES THE CROUPY CHILDREN.

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